

MEMO

To: Westmont Village Board

From: Angela Yuan, President, I-CARE

Re: Request for Waiver of Permit Fee

Date: May 17, 2016

Illinois Chinese American Residence for the Elderly, Inc. ("I-CARE") is a non-profit corporation that was formed in 1983 to provide elderly and handicapped individuals with housing facilities and services specially designed to meet their physical, social and psychological needs, and to promote their health, security, happiness and usefulness, as well as encourage longer living. For over 30 years, I-CARE has served the needs of the elderly and handicapped in Westmont.

I-CARE owns four parcels – the two lots on which the I-CARE facility is located and the two vacant lots to the east of the I-CARE facility, which provide a drainage basin for storm-water management. The vacant land east has served as a detention area for the I-CARE facility for over 30 years.

The Village has recently brought to our attention that the existing ICARE detention basin is not efficient in performing its flood control function. The Village's Engineer, Noriel Noriega, has further informed us that there are long-standing water issues associated with the detention basin. It has also been brought to our attention that there are issues with mosquitos in the vicinity of the detention basin. All of the foregoing issues affect the I-CARE property as well as the surrounding neighborhood. Consequently, it has become clear that these issues need to be resolved.

In discussing the above issues with our engineer, I-CARE has determined that a re-design of the detention basin, which includes siting it on one of the vacant east lots, would (1) resolve the above-described problems associated with the drainage basin that affect the neighborhood; (2) improve storm-water detention for the I-CARE facility; and (3) provide storm-water detention for the remaining east parcel which would then allow it to be developed. The I-CARE parcel would retain an easement for drainage purposes over the detention basin.

In order to fulfill its obligation to faithfully manage its assets, I-CARE intends either to extend the current existing facility or to develop the vacant east parcel which will pay down its mortgage debt. Both options will better utilize this vacant land for non-profit purposes. I-CARE is requesting a waiver from the permit fee due to its non-profit status and many years as a non-profit service provider within the community. I-CARE is irrevocably dedicated to, and operated exclusively for non-profit purposes; no part of the income or assets of I-CARE shall ever be distributed to, nor inure to the benefit of, any individual.